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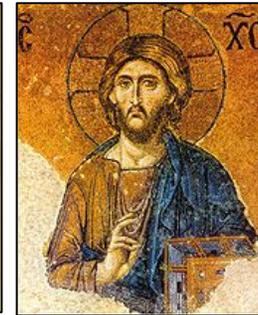
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, September 16, 2018

ON THIS DAY, THE SUNDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE UNIVERSAL CELEBRATION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY, PRECIOUS, AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, we commemorate Euphemia the Great Martyr (+305); Melitina the Martyr; Dorotheos the Hermit of Egypt; Sebastiana, Disciple of St. Paul the Apostle; Ninian the Enlightener of Scotland; and Edith the Nun of Wilton Abbey. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our Parish!

We invite you to enter your name, mail/email addresses in our Guest Register (near the entrance) if you are interested in joining and assisting with our mission's development. We want to keep you informed of our schedule and location of

services. *You and your family are welcome; we look forward to knowing you. We invite you and your family to join and assist us often!*

Please consider that only baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians in canonical good standing may approach for Holy Communion. All are invited to partake of the Antidoron ("instead of the gifts") distributed at the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy.

SPECIAL HYMNS SUNG BEFORE/AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE

1. 2nd Antiphon Hymn Commemorating the Holy Cross – (Hymnal-p. 28):

This hymn replaces hymn on pgs. 28-29. Save us, O Son of God, Who was crucified in the flesh, as we sing to you, Alleluia.

2./4. Hymn for Feast of the Holy Cross – (Hymnal-pp.180-181):

This hymn, "Save, O Lord" – is sung before and after the Small Entrance. It is sung during the festal commemoration of the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross and also on the occasion of the Veneration of the Holy Cross on the Third Sunday of Great Lent. Save, O Lord Your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

3. Resurrectional Hymn (Grave Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.122-125):

It is sung before and after the Small Entrance: By Your Cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.

5. Hymn Commemorating St. Euphemia – (see handout):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. To the Orthodox you brought elation, the unorthodox, humiliation, O Euphemia, the beautiful virgin of Christ. For what the Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Synod decreed well as dogma you ratified. Pray to Christ our God, O glorious Martyr, fervently, entreating Him to grant us His great mercy.

6. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see handout):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Made comely with garments woven from your venerable blood, you stand before the Lord, the King of Heaven and earth, O famed Martyr Christopher. With the choirs of Angels and the Martyrs you chant, singing the thrice-holy hymn and most awesome praises. Thus, by your intercessions with God, save us, your servants.

7. Kontakion for the Feast of the Holy Cross – (Hymnal-pp.232-235):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. Bestow Your mercies on the people called by Your Name, Christ God, Who freely let Yourself be raised on the Cross. To all who battle evil give joy in Your power, by gracing them with victory over every foe, for having You as their ally they possess a weapon of peace, an invincible trophy of victory.

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS/DIVINE LITURGY

<p><i>The Scriptures were not given us for this only, that we might have them in books, but that we might engrave them on our hearts.</i> – St. John Chrysostom</p>

Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Luke 24:12-35)

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed Him over to be condemned to death and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group

astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find His body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Him." Then He said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them the things about Himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, He walked ahead as if He were going on. But they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. When He was at the table with them, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while He was opening the Scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and He has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Galatians 2:16-20)

...yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Mark 8:34-9:1)

He called the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become My followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for My sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Educate your children in the way in which they should go, and when they are grown, they will not depart from it.”
(Proverbs 22:6)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

Thank you, God, that I can see. There are thousands who cannot see. For them, there is no sunrise or sunset; no autumn colors, no rainbow-tinted flowers, no movies, no delights of the eye.

Thank you, God, that I can hear. There are thousands who cannot hear the voice of their own mother, nor the singing of the birds, nor the radio, nor the laughter of children.

Thank you, God, that I can walk. How brave are those who live life without the use of their legs and are confined to a wheel chair, or even paralyzed from the waist down.



Thank you, God, that I can work. Look at the many who can do nothing with “brain or brawn or hands.” There are so many who have been laid off due to the economy and the fear of uncertain times.

Thank you, God, that I have something to eat. Millions as good as I, maybe even better, have little or nothing to eat. Thousands are dying of hunger, while I never miss a meal and enjoy the comforts of my home and family.

Thank you, God, for my Orthodox Faith, which teaches me to be thankful and to seek Your will in all that I do each day.

Thank you, God, for the freedom to worship You as You wish to be worshipped.

Thank you, God, for our beautiful Church and our comfortable home.

Thank you, God, for the privilege of attending the Divine Liturgy every Sunday and on special Feast Days.

Thank you, God, for permitting me to confess my sins and receive Your Divine Gifts, the Body and Blood of Your only Begotten Son and our Lord Jesus Christ.

For all these and more, O Lord, I thank You!



Thanks to our parishioners for GreekFest 2018.

Special appreciation to our GreekFest Quad-Chairs, Dina Tagalos Kearns, Helen Psihountas, Julie Skouteris, & Tammy Soulakos. We appreciate your great efforts. We thank all our parishioners who assisted, our patrons, our sponsors, and those who offered “behind the scenes” assistance that makes us so proud!



Paragia Chapel
Dikonia Retreat Center

SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE
MIRACULOUS ICON OF THE PANAGIA
VIMATARISSA

Sept 29th, 2018
Services begin at 11:00 am

Dikonia Retreat Center
455 Quail Ridge Road
Salem, SC 29676



Hands of Love: September

For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore, I command you to do this word which says, You shall surely open your hands to your brother, to your poor and needy in your land. (Deut. 15:11)*

All Sundays in September:

Holy Cross School of Theology

"For as rain comes down, or snow from heaven, and does not return until it saturates the earth, and it brings forth and produces, and gives seed to the sower and bread for food, so shall My word be, whatever proceeds from My mouth. It shall not return until it accomplishes whatever I willed, and I shall prosper your ways and My commandments." (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Hands of Love, a ministry of our Philoptochos Society will be accepting monetary donations to benefit the School.



Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts offers graduate programs leading to advanced degrees in Divinity and Theology.

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Holy Cross strives to fulfill the need to educate the **next generation of leaders, clergy, and laypersons** who will exemplify the values and spirit of Orthodox Christianity in their chosen professions. Learning, teaching, service, and worship activities develop the intellectual and spiritual potential of students. The School affords the faculty with **academic freedom** to pursue teaching and scholarship.

Yours in Christ,
Anna Andreeva Naydenova, Hands of Love Coordinator



On this *the 723rd* Sunday of our St. Christopher's parish community, we continue to thank each of you for your presence and support. Although it may seem like we are just a handful of men, women and children, if we commit ourselves to serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will experience the miracle of growth as the Holy Spirit brings others into His service to help us build His new church in the Peachtree City, Georgia area for the glory of God!



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COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 16 (Sunday following Feast of Holy Cross):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

10:30 am Lunch & GreekFest Clean-up at Hangar

Monday, September 17 (Feast of Saints Sophia, & her three daughters,

Faith, Hope & Love):

5:00 pm Great Vespers Service

5:45 pm Divine Liturgy, followed by dinner at a local restaurant (*tba*)

Thursday, September 20:

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, September 23 (First Sunday of St. Luke/Coffee Fellow):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service - (9 years) - Kostas Kalioniatis

10:45 am Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)

11:30 am Philoptochos General Meeting

 **September Prosfora Baking Schedule** 

The following families are scheduled to prepare Prosfora this month:

Sunday, Sept. 2 (due Fri., Aug. 31 by 4:00 pm)	Pat MacDougall/Stella Christodopoulos
Saturday, Sept. 8 (due Fri., Sept. 7 by 4:00 pm)	Costa & Tammy Soulakos/Lydia McGee
Sunday, Sept. 9 (due Sat., Sept. 8 by 9:00 am)	Georgia Lungano/Claudia Sliwinski
Thursday, Sept. 13 (due Wed., Sept. 12 by 4:00 pm)	Helen Psihountas/Julie Skouteris
Sunday, Sept. 16 (due Fri., Sept. 14 by 4:00 pm)	Dedee Panayis/Milena Taylor
Sunday, Sept. 23 (due by Fri., Sept. 21 by 4:00 pm)	Effie Sakkas/Susan Kleto
Sunday, Sept. 30 (due Fri., Sept. 28 by 4:00 pm)	Becky Butler/Presbytera Marinda Tsohakis

PROSFORA BAKERS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Presbytera Marinda appreciates everyone's help and if needs arise, please contact her at mtsohakis@comcast.net or (770) 381-1842.

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!